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I do not conceal my regret that the important discussions of the Pugwash conference of nuclear scientists have so far taken place without the participation of scientists from the GDR. It would be highly desirable and certainly have a positive effect on the course of your meritorious endeavors if scientists from the GDR were enabled to be properly represented at future discussions, especially in view of the fact that the GDR is one of the most important producers of uranium.

"Permit me to conclude by expressing the wish that your efforts for the strengthening of world peace and the elimination of the danger of atomic war may continue to be successful. Assuring you of my readiness to support your efforts in every suitable manner, I remain, yours very respectfully, Otto Grotewohl."

ERHARD LETTER UNMASKS ADENAUER REGIME

Berlin, ADN, in German Hellschreiber to East Germany, June 2, 1958,
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(Text) Berlin--The article "For a Relaxation of the International Situation and the Safeguarding of Peace" by Otto Grotewohl which was published in the June 1 issue of NEUES DEUTSCHLAND deals among other things with the sensational revelations by RUDE PRAVO in connection with the letter sent to Adenauer by the Bonn Minister of Economic Affairs, Erhard. The Premier writes:

"A letter by Erhard to Adenauer, published by RUDE PRAVO, the central paper of the fraternal Czechoslovak party, casts a fierce light on the whole background of the present West German propaganda campaign for the holding of so-called free elections which aim at preventing a summit conference.

"The letter clearly shows that the association of German industrialists fears a relaxation of the situation and seeks to prevent by all possible means an intensification of the people's fight against atomic armament. The association of German industrialists welcomes the growing international tension and expresses its readiness to do everything to contribute to an intensification of the existing conflicts.

"One day after our meeting in Moscow, for example, Bonn Minister Seehofer declared at the Sudeten German congress of 1958 in Stuttgart: 'Do we not see how rabies advances toward us from the East, even in the case of animals? We ought to recognize these signs but we put our heads in the sand and the feeding bowl and do not see the danger.' He abused the Czechoslovak population by calling them criminals.

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"In Kassel on the same day, the Schleswig-Holstein Premier, Von Hassel, declared that there were enough young people in West Germany who are prepared to regain possession of the former German east. The men behind this chauvinist policy are the West German imperialists. This becomes quite clear from Erhard's letter. They are the same forces which helped Nazi fascism and are responsible for the first and second world wars.

"It is only just that the majority of the German people should demand that these war criminals be deprived of their economic and political power. Erhard's letter shows clearly that the West German state is ruled by the big monopolists.

"The publication of this letter ought to open everyone's eyes. One cannot fight against atomic armament and atomic death without at the same time fighting against German imperialism and militarism. Any support for German imperialism amounts to support for the preparations for an atomic war.

"To prevent a frightful atomic war on German soil, there is therefore no other way than that pointed by us--the creation of a united and strong popular movement which much above all work for the realization of the Rapacki plan."

BRAS URGES DISCUSSION OF WFTU AGENDA

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(Text) Berlin--TRIBUNE publishes an interview with WFTU Secretary Marcel Bras on questions of the forthcoming European trade union and workers' conference against the threat of atomic war and in defense of peace. Bras points out that even now there is much in common between the demands of the trade unionists of the of the WFTU, the ICFTU, and the Christian Trade Union International. From each of these trade union federations demands and actions against the atomic war threat in Europe have been forthcoming.

Bras says on this point: "For this reason the WFTU feels that in view of the gravity of the threats darkening the prospects of peace and the common hopes of European workers and trade unions it appears possible, and indeed absolutely necessary, that a broad discussion take place between their representatives to determine together the best methods of action to insure the victory of peaceful solutions.